

Abraham Lincoln papers

From John Jay et al. to Abraham Lincoln, July 13, 1863

From New York Dated 13th

Rec'd July 13 1863 Evening

Our City having given her Militia at your call is at the mercy of a mob which assembled this morning to resist the Draft & are now spreading fire & outrage— Several buildings in different wards are in flames & the “Times” & “Tribune” offices are at this moment threatened New York looks to you for instant help in troops & an officer to Command them and to declare martial law¹

¹ The draft riot in New York City began on July 13 and did not end until three days later. Over 1,000 people were killed or wounded during the riot. There are several documents in this collection that pertain to the New York riot.

Telegraph wires cut in all directions

John Jay

Geo. T. Strong²

² George Templeton Strong was a New York lawyer who served as an officer of the Sanitary Commission during the Civil War. Strong kept a diary which is a valuable record of the people and events of his day.

Walcott Gibbs

James Wadsworth